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PRODUCTION UNITS UNDER HANDLOOM CLUSTERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of production units functioning at present in the handloom clusters,State-wise and cluster-wise;

(b) the number of persons employed therein, State-wise;

(c) the quantum and value of the average annual production and exports from the said clusters during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(d) the extent to which the establishment of clusters have resulted in the development of the handloom sectors?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): A statement showing the State-wise number of clusters, handlooms and the number of handloom weavers/workers as per last Handloom Census of 1995-96 is at Annexure.

(c) & (d): The quantum of annual production of handloom fabrics during the last three years and the current year is as under:-

(Million sq.mtrs.)

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09 (April-Sept 2008)
6108	6536	6947	3304 (Provisional)

As regards exports is concerned,in the absence of separate ITC (HS) Codes,the export data from April 2003 onwards is not available.The Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue,has recently notified ITC codes for the handloom products vide notification dated 24th September 2008.The export data on handlooms,henceforth will be generated by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics,Kolkata.